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In re Application of

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Application No. 10/652,849

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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed September 15, 2008, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned July 1, 2008 for failure to timely file a proper reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 to the final Office action of December 31, 2007. The proposed reply required for consideration of a petition to revive must be a Notice of Appeal (and appeal fee required by 37 CFR 41.20(b)(2), an amendment that *prima facie* places the application in condition for allowance, a Request for Continued Examination and submission (37 CFR 1.114), or the filing of a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b). See MPEP 711.03(c)(III)(A)(2). A three month extension of time pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained. Notice of Abandonment was mailed September 5, 2008.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and required, and the submission required by 37 CFR 1.114; (2) the required petition fee; and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3205.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 3626for processing of the RCE and for appropriate action by the Examiner in the normal course of business on the amendment submitted in accordance with 37 CFR 1.114.

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